

EXHIBIT NO. 5**CROW TRIBE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**2/17/09

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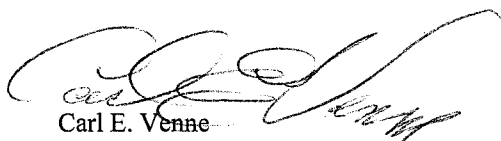
Gary Branae
Montana Senate
P.O. Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator Gary Branae:

The Crow Tribe is please with the proposed Scenic By-Ways of the Warrior Trail and Trail of the Arrow. The Crow Tribe is highly supportive of the Bill that is being proposed for scenic route. Your support on this bill would enhance the economy and create jobs for Tribal members.

If you have any questions or concern, please feel free to contact Dexter Falls Down-Transportation Director at 406.638.2100 ext. 1. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Carl E. Venne
Chairman of the Crow Nations

Cc: Mike Penfold

Gentlemen,

As President of the Yellowstone County Museum Foundation I read with great interest the draft of LC-1938. I was particularly taken with the inclusion of Black Otter Trail which is located within about a mile of the Yellowstone County Museum founded in 1953.

This particular byway has played an incredibly significant role in the progress of man in and about this part of the Yellowstone Valley overlooking present day Billings, MT. As a passage way for indigenous peoples in and out of the valley, as a burial ground for many of those people, as a travel route for European settlers and for commanding and unadulterated views of the valley and no fewer than 4 mountain ranges, Black Otter Trail is virtually unparalleled in its service and inspiration to all fortunate enough to enjoy it.

This cultural treasure has suffered from neglect and overuse for many years and it has fallen into varying stages of disrepair. Its course, often hugging the sheer drop from the rimrocks to which it clings, is an engineering marvel and as a result it is difficult to maintain and operate. At the same time it continues to be a "must see" to local residents and visitors alike. I dare say there are few locals who have not spend many hours on this magnificent byway observing the immense landscape and nearly overwhelming beauty of the vistas provided along its course.

The improvement of Black Otter Trail coupled with recent work accomplished by the City of Billings by the improvement of the adjacent Heritage Trail promoting bicycle and pedestrian activity would be a true addition to the greater Billings community and its visitors. Currently negotiations between the City and Yellowstone County Museum are underway toward the creation of a regional museum facility along the route of Black Otter Trail. Improvement of the byway will be a tremendous step forward toward accomplishing suitable access for many types of land conveyances into Swords Park.

The board of the Yellowstone County Museum Foundation enthusiastically supports this draft legislation and hopes to see it signed by the governor this session.

Thank you for your sensitivity for such often overlooked resources.

Charles G. Yegen

Mr. Penfold:

I am on the run from meeting to meeting today, but wanted to let you know that last night the Council did agree to include Black Otter Trail in the scenic by-ways bill, provided that the option to apply later for that status remain in the hands of the Council, as currently proposed.

I appreciate you being accommodating on the language, and wish you good luck with the bill.

Tina Volek
Billings City Administrator

The Anaconda Chamber of Commerce is behind you all the way. The
Scenic-Historic Byway would benefit Anaconda and Philipsburg.
Edith Fransen - Anaconda Chamber of Commerce
----- Original Message -----

February 6, 2009

Dear Senator Branae,

On behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe, I appreciate and support your efforts to pass Scenic Highways Bill LC-1938. We have one such road located on the Blackfeet Reservation that fits the description of a scenic road. This road borders Glacier National on the east and offers a spectacular view of the mountains and all of its grandeur. This road has a lot of history in its evolution and is presently known as US Highway 49. Originally it was known as the Blackfeet Highway and also known as Looking Glass.

If I can be of any assistance or if you need any more information in your endeavors to get this bill passed, please feel free to contact me at 406 (338-7445) or e-mail me at donywhite@yahoo.com. Thank you for time and interest in the scenic by-way program.

Sincerely,

Don White, Transportation Planner
Blackfeet Nation
Browning, Montana

cc: Senator Carol Juneau

Chamber of Commerce
Tony Marchi-President
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Mike Penfold

Dear Mike,

On behalf of the Philipsburg Chamber of Commerce I would like to express our unanimous support for consideration of Highway 1, The Pintlar Scenic Loop, being designated a National Scenic Byway. I am pleased to announce that all ten of our board members have enthusiastically endorsed this proposal. We feel the designation would increase interest in our area as well as educate people about the following:

Our Rich Mining & Ranching History

Ghost Towns

Our Culture

Our Natural Lakes & Streams

Recreational Opportunities (Blue Ribbon Trout Streams, Hiking, Skiing, Snowmobiling, Camping, Hunting, Boating, & Many other Outdoor Activities)

Our Scenic Vistas

Archaeological sites

Thank you for the opportunity to show our community support for this program. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Tony Marchi
President, Philipsburg Chamber of Commerce

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Hi, Mike,

Here is a letter of support for Montana Hwy 1 becoming an official Scenic Byway. This letter is written on behalf of the Philipsburg Rotary Club. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Signe Johnson Bjorklund